

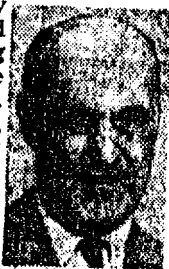
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The Washington Merry-Go-Round**Katanga Radio Tells of Dodd Trip**

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Senators, of course, never investigate themselves — except in extreme cases, such as that of the late Joe McCarthy. If they did, it would be interesting to probe the motives of Sen. Tom Dodd, Connecticut Democrat, sometimes called the Junior Joe McCarthy, in going to Katanga recently.



Pearson

Dodd, the only Senator who has been a registered foreign agent, turned up in the Congo in November and December, and helped stir up the opposition to the United Nations during a crisis when men on both sides were losing their lives. He also cooperated with the Katanga information Office in New York, which has been spending money like water.

The Senator from Connecticut is neither dumb nor naive. He was an able prosecutor at the Nuremberg trials. He conducted excellent hearings on juvenile delinquency. He obviously knew that his presence in Katanga, which the U. N. and the Kennedy Administration were opposing, would strengthen the opposition to the U. N. and President Kennedy. Yet he paraded plane around Katanga anyway, bol-

stering President Tshombe and telling him, according to a report by U. S. Ambassador Ed Gullion, that the State Department was influenced by Communists.

Monitored Radio

Here is the way the Elisabethville radio reported the Dodd visit, as picked up by U. S. monitoring services:

"Continuing their tour of southwest Katanga, President Tshombe and his guest, U. S. Senator Thomas Dodd, left Jadotville on 29 November for Kolezi. At Mulungwish, Senator Dodd said the purpose of his journey (was) to become acquainted with Katanga, its problems, and its great President."

"In Kilwezi, the crowd had been waiting for two hours when the President and the Senator arrived, and the enthusiasm was indescribable. Speaking in English, the Senator said he understood the people's love for their President as he was a truly great leader. Senator Dodd expressed his admiration for the achievements of Katanga and promised that on his return to America, he would speak about all he had seen in Katanga. He repeated that in the United States there is considerable sympathy for Katanga. He was frequently interrupted by applause. On 30 November Senator Dodd and his group returned to Elisabethville by plane while the President left Jadotville by car."

Senator Dodd is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on African Affairs. It will be interesting to see whether committee members now question what was behind his Katanga trip, or whether Vice President Johnson, who insisted that he be appointed to the committee, now uses his potent influence to take him off.

Pentagon Pipeline

Puzzled at first over Pentagon parlance, Secretary of Defense Robert McNamara ordered his subordinates to compile a detailed dictionary of military terms for his use. He has now memorized every entry, speaks the military lingo like a career officer. The brainy Defense chief has also been boning up on the intricate workings of his Department. He is now so familiar with its labyrinths that he has offered privately to face Congress alone next year. No past Secretary ever dreamed of testifying on Capitol Hill without a retinue of advisers to feed him the facts. McNamara has already prepared a painstaking 189-page statement for his debut next month before the House Armed Services Committee. Chairman Carl Vinson, the crusty Georgian, has now asked McNamara to prepare a sanitized version of his statement, cleansed of secrets, that can be handed out to the press. President Kennedy, who has mastered the complexities of every other

department but still is struggling with the awesome military machinery, is lavish in his praise of McNamara.

Red Defense Lowdown

U. S. Intelligence now believes that the Red Army was so upset over U-2 spy flights over Soviet territory that the whole defense picture was switched and first priority given to antiaircraft and anti-missile weapons in order to defend the Soviet.

At any rate, most of Russia's missiles and bombers since that time have been deployed defensively. Surprisingly few are located in the Arctic where they could attack the United States. The Russian air force is also geared for defense, not offense. It has about 20,000 MIG fighters designed to intercept U. S. bombers, not to stage an offensive against the United States.

This concentration on defense, the experts believe, may be one reason for the recent concentration on big nuclear warheads and missiles. Red Army leaders apparently felt they got behind in offensive weapons and, according to intelligence reports, insisted that Khrushchev, O.K., the testing of new nuclear weapons.

Intelligence experts generally concur that Premier Khrushchev will not launch a nuclear war, unless he is convinced that Russia is in immediate danger of attack.

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